

# McCormick's Creek State Park

## 2010 Spring Special Events

- January 9<sup>th</sup>**     **Bird feeding Workshop:** Build a birdfeeder for \$5 per kit. To pre-register call 812-829-4344.
- January 23**     **Wildlife Watcher's Workshop** 
- February 20**     **Eco-craft Ideas Workshop:** \$3/person. To pre-register call 812-829-4344.
- March 6**     **Aldo Leopold Heritage Day**
- March 20**     **Volunteer Opportunities Workshop**
- March 27**     **Bluebird Basics Workshop** 
- April 17-18**     **Owen County Wildflower Weekend:** Wildflower walks, activities, and Friends of McCormick's Creek State Park plant sale.
- April 24**     **Garlic Mustard/Invasive Plant Pull**
- May 1**          **5 K Run and Walk**

**2010 Annual Entrance Permits are thoughtful and practical gifts.**  
For sale at the park office 8am-4pm, M-F, or on-line.



# December

### McCormick's Creek State Park

Nature Center Hours: Thursday through Monday, 9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Closed: Tuesday, Wednesday, and state holidays

**Look for our program schedules on the web:**

<http://www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/2420.htm>

Programs are free and open to the public, and there is no park entrance fee at this season. For nominal fee, the nature center staff will conduct special programs for groups. Contact us at **812-829-4344**.

**\*\*Healthy Parks/Healthy People:** Look for HP/HP on the schedule, and discover ways to enhance personal fitness and activities that keep a state park or reservoir healthy.

### Wolf Cave Closed

All caves, sinkholes, tunnels and mines on DNR properties (except for Twin Caves at Spring Mill State Park) are closed until April 30, 2010 to provide protection from White-nosed Syndrome, a fungus that is killing bats in large numbers in the Northeastern U.S. and is now spreading west. Thank you for cooperating with IDNR in this effort.

Looking for a great place to visit? Come to McCormick’s Creek SP



Be among the first to explore the **New Nature Center Exhibits!**

- Step into a replica of a cave entrance
- Examine fossils found in Indiana
- Experience lots of hands-on activities--magnifiers, farm water pump, touch boxes and more
- View life size nature scene, see if you can find the animals
- Enjoy the creek display featuring live turtles, see live amphibians and reptiles
- Sit in the rocking chair, read nature books with the kids, and use play space with puppets and puzzles
- Learn about the families who owned the land before McCormick's Creek became Indiana's first state park.

The bird-viewing room, a perennial favorite at the center, will also be open for your enjoyment!

Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>

**11:00 AM     Migrate or Stay Active?** Nature Center—Wildlife Observation Room. Why do some birds leave and some stay for our winter season?

Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup>

**1:00 PM     Oh, Deer!** Nature Center. Examine antlers, pelt, tooth wear samples, and learn more about our native whitetail deer.

Saturday, December 12

**11:00 AM     Creature Feature: Box Turtle** Nature Center. Meet our resident turtle, and learn why box turtles need our protection..

**1:00 PM     Create a card—Design an Ornament.** Nature Center.

Sunday, December 13

**1:00 PM     Skulls and Bones.** Nature Center. Examine nature’s recycling.

Saturday, December 19

**1:00 PM     Tracking Wildlife Stories.** Nature Center. What can you learn from animal tracks and signs?

Sunday, December 20

**1:00 PM     Backyard Birds and Winter Foods.** Nature Center—Wildlife Observation Room. Bird ID and winter feeding tips.



Nature Center will be closed, Thursday Dec 24 and Friday Dec 25

Saturday, December 26     Holiday Open House

Bring your family and friends to enjoy the new exhibits, hike trails, and enjoy the park

Sunday, December 27

**1:00 PM     Backyard Bird Feeder.** Nature Center. Make a simple feeder to delight the birds.